

IN THE DRAWINGS

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached Annotated Sheet includes changes to Fig. 5. A Replacement Sheet is provided which includes the changes to FIG. 5.

Attachment:

- 1 Annotated Sheet showing changes.
- 1 Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-18 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out Applicants' invention.

The figures were objected to because of an incorrect reference numeral in FIG. 5. The figures have been amended to correct the reference in FIG. 5. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 was objected to because of an informality; the claim has been amended in accordance with the suggestion in the Official Action.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Galasso et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,374,302 ("Galasso") in view of Shaffer et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,973,027 ("Shaffer"). As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

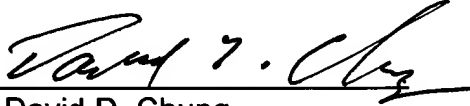
Galasso was discussed in response to the previous Official Action. Shaffer has a filing date of August 17, 2001, three days prior to the filing date of the instant application. Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under Rule 131 swearing behind Shaffer. As such, Applicant believes the rejection is obviated.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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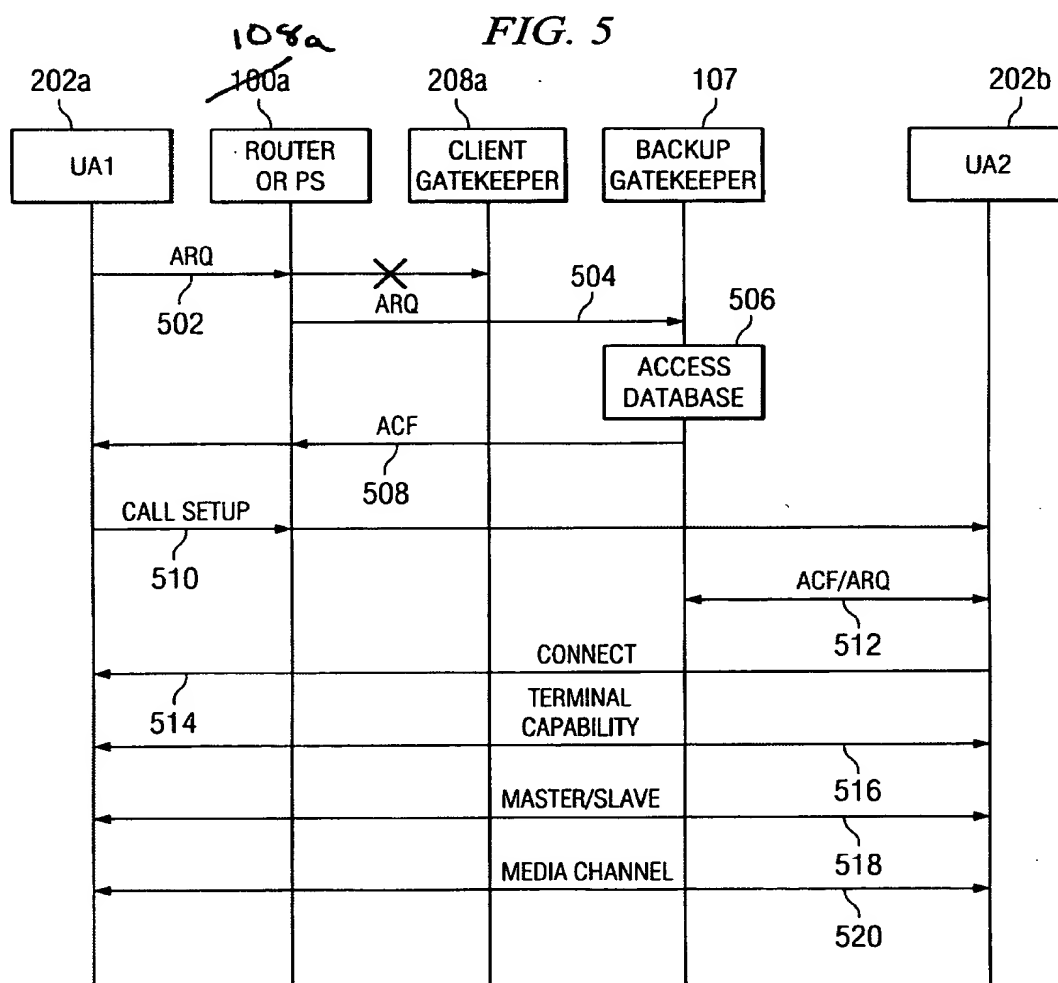
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